—Moratorium on all big dams;

—Satisfactory rehabilitation of oustees;

—Adoption of a series of small irrigation and hydel power proejcts to meet the requirement of the local people; and

—Adoption of a realistic approach in the project planning and analysis with full public participation.

The possible adverse impacts of such projects are taken into account by the Government while examining such proposals.

Request from Textile Industry in the South regarding tightening of rules pertaining to defence purchases

2392. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the textile mills in the South have approached the Ministry with the request that the DGS&D should tighten its procurement rules so that inferior materials are not passed on its purchases under the Public Tender system for the Defence Forces;

(b) if so, whether the textile industry has expressed its concern about unscrupulous elements taking advantage of certain loopholes in the existing system for defence purchases; and

(c) what are the details of other complaints made by the textile mills in the South and to what extent their suggestion for improvement has been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No such complaints have been received.

Export of wagon easting

@2393. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wagon industry is expected to get a push following the shipment of wagon casting to the Soviet Union;

(b) whether this would help in export earnings over the next five years;

(c) if so, whether any negotiations are on with Tanzanian Railways for the supply of wagons; and

(d) what are the other countries from where order for Indian wagons have been received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Export of wagon castings to USSR will help the foundry industry engaged in producing similar steel castings and not the wagon industry. This would increase the export earnings of the country.

(c) No negotiations are in progress with Tanzanian Railways for the supply of wagons, at present.

(d) The only wagon order being executed at present is supply of 100 wagons to Zambia.

Indo-Pak Bilateral Trade Agreement

2394. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that experts have urged the need for Indo-Pak bilateral trade agreement providing the necessary direction and dynamism to the initiative taken by the Joint Indo-Pak Commission;

(b) whether the experts have also suggested that before any agreement is reached between the two Governments

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